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THE INFORMATION
SUPERHIGHWAY...

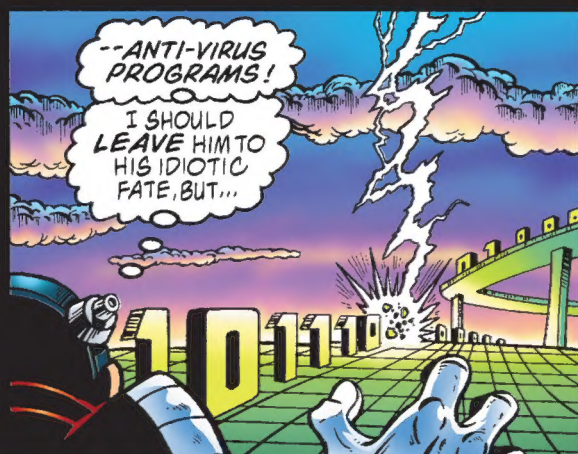
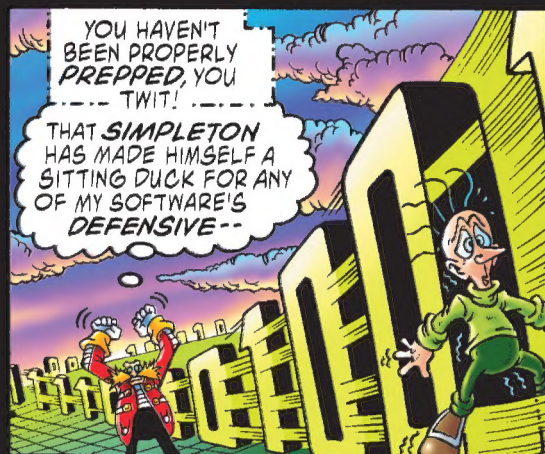
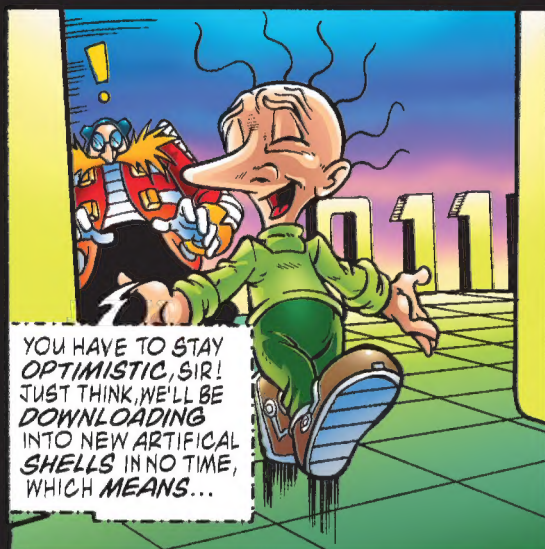
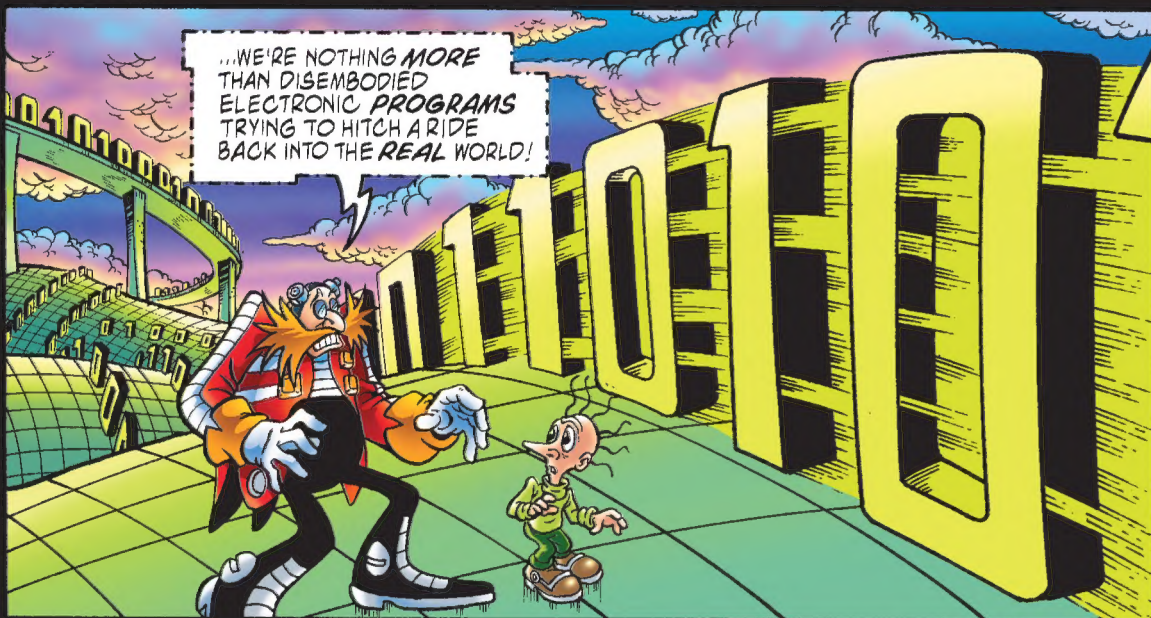
HURRY, SIR,
OR WE'LL MISS
OUR RIDE!

I'M RUNNING
AS FAST AS I CAN,
SNIVELY!

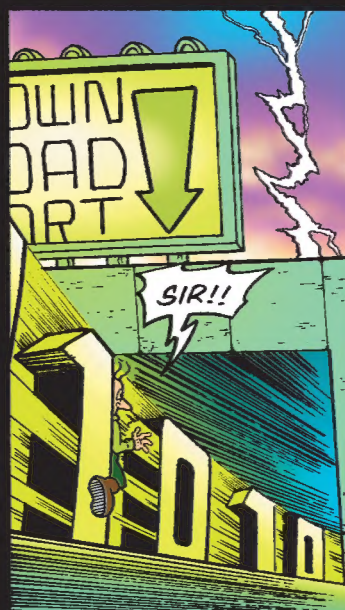
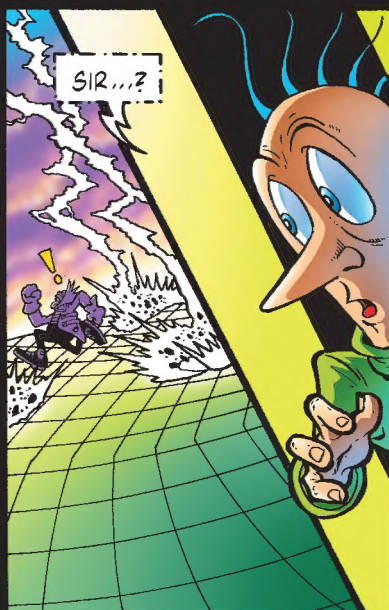
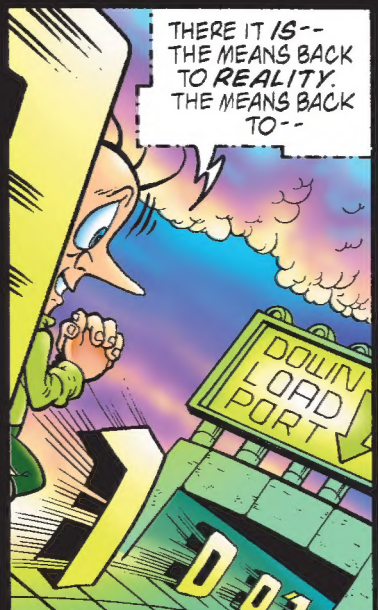
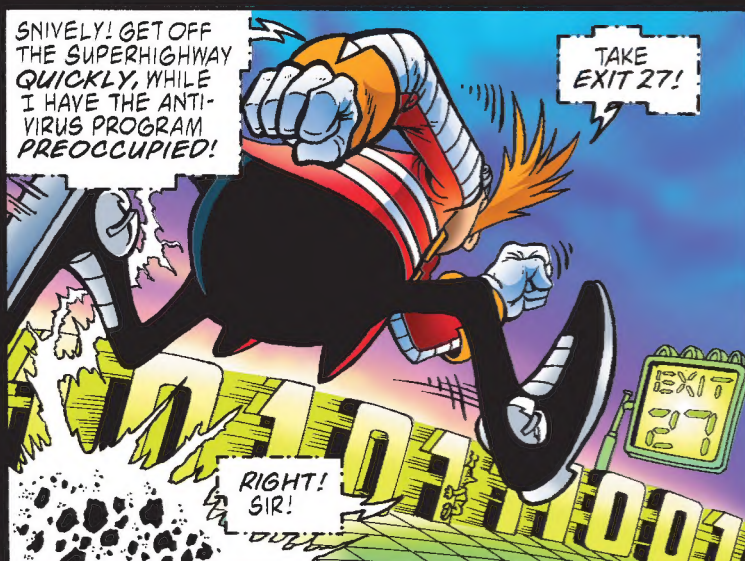
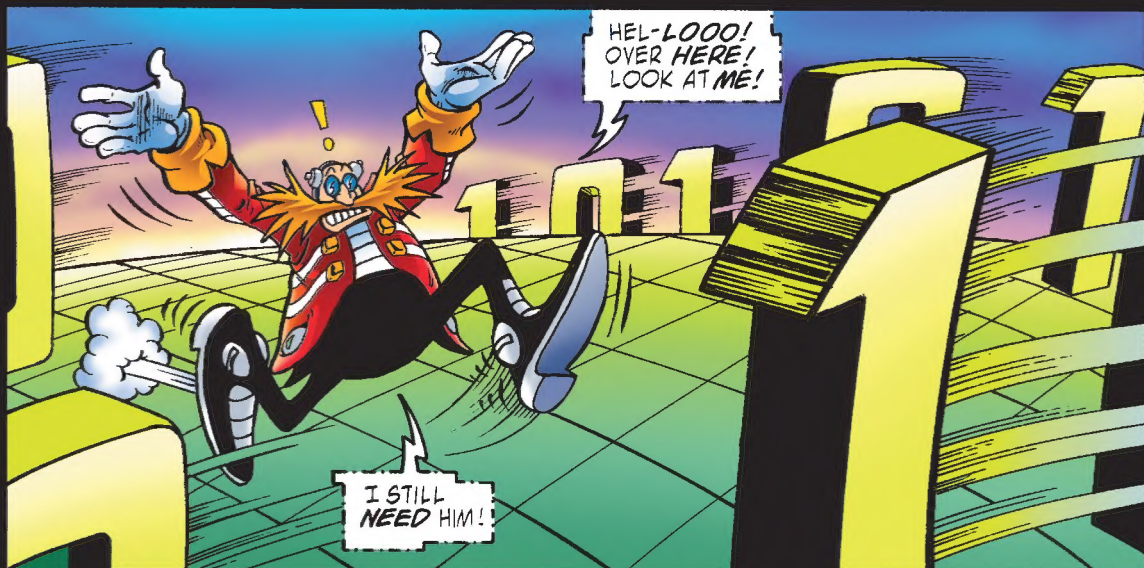
DO YOU THINK I
LIKE BEING STRANDED
HERE IN CYBERSPACE?

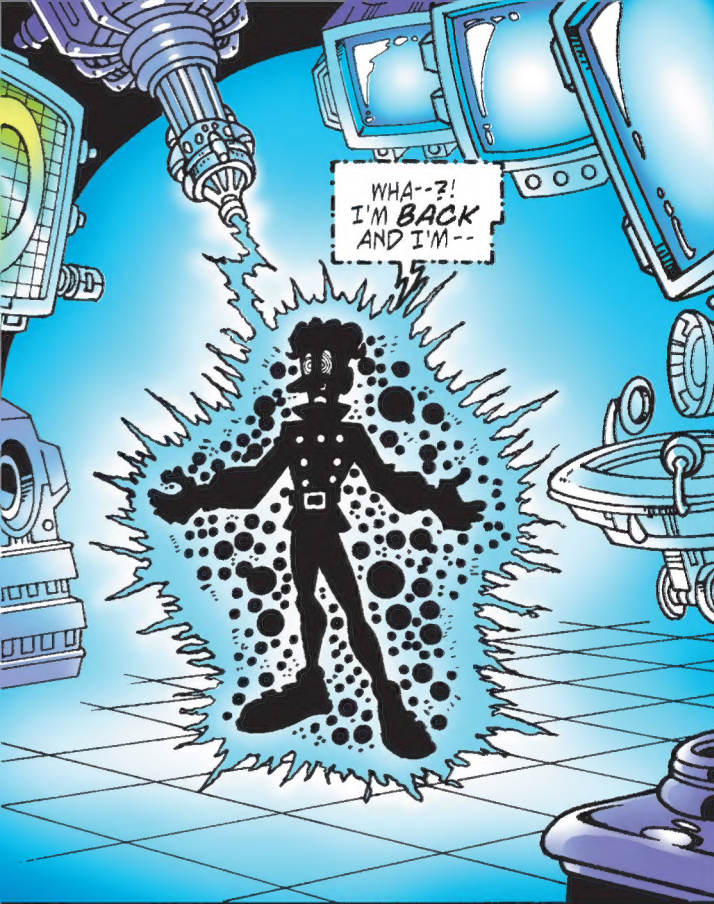
"EVER SINCE
OUR ROBOTIC
BODIES WERE
DESTROYED
ALONG WITH OL'
ROBOTROPOLIS..."

*In 1st # 110.

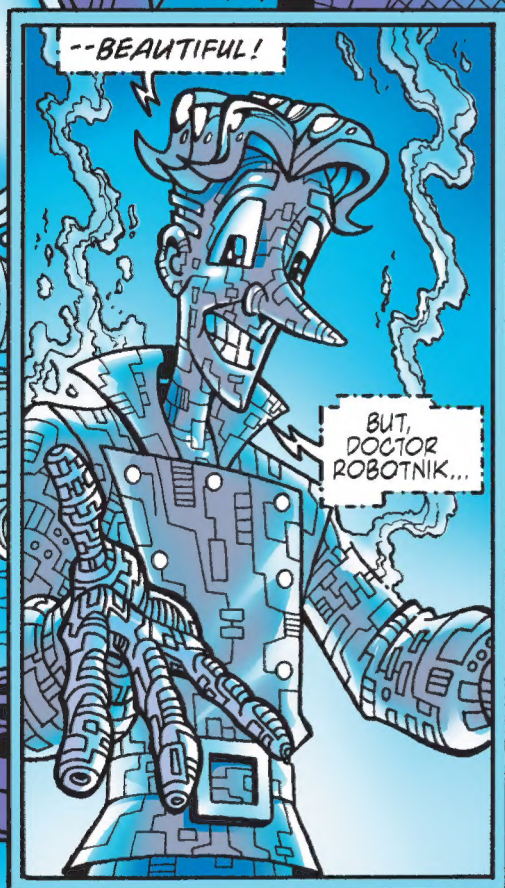


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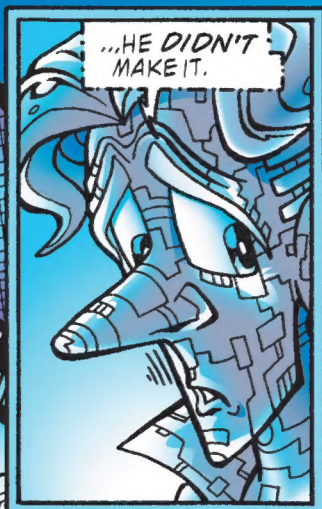


WHA--Z!
I'M BACK
AND I'M--

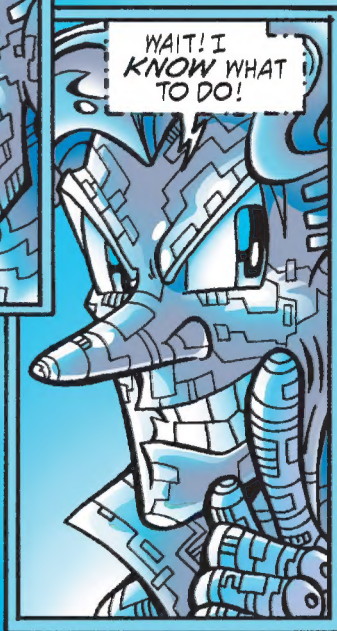


--BEAUTIFUL!

BUT,
DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK...

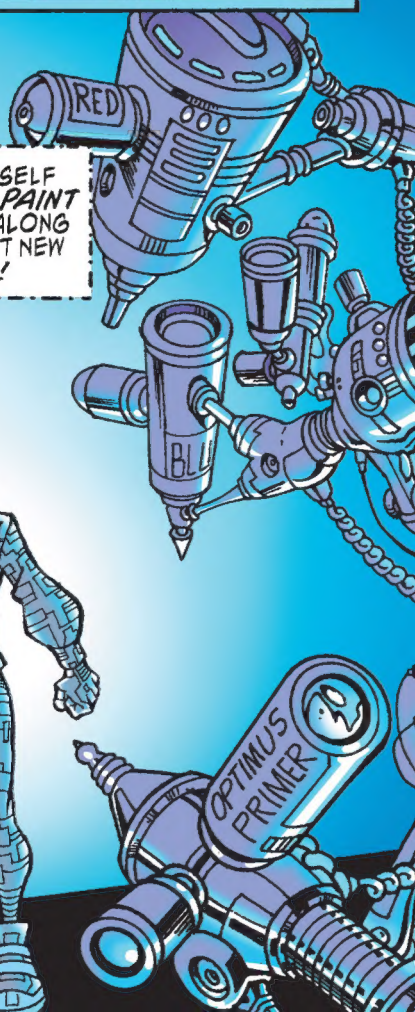
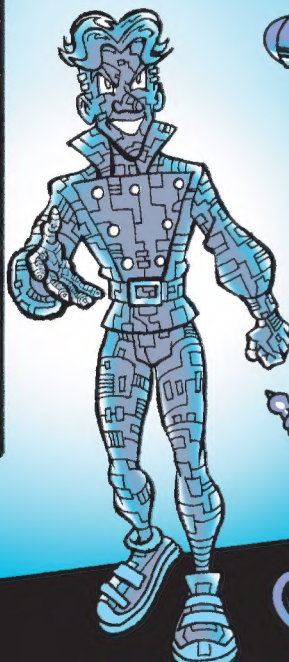


...HE DIDN'T
MAKE IT.



WAIT! I
KNOW WHAT
TO DO!

I'LL GIVE MYSELF
A GREAT NEW PAINT
JOB TO GO ALONG
WITH MY GREAT NEW
BODY!



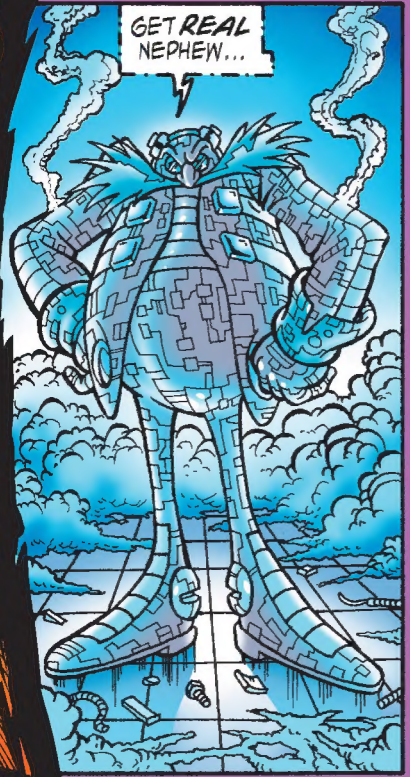
OPTIMUS PRIMER

SOON...



THERE, THAT'S MUCH BETTER!

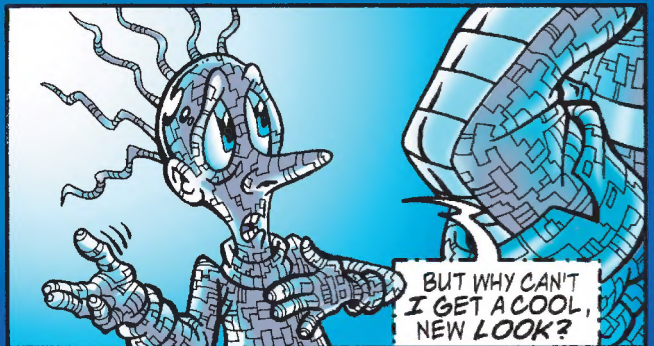
BEWARE, SONIC AND FRIENDS, THERE'S A NEW RAPSCALLION ON THE--



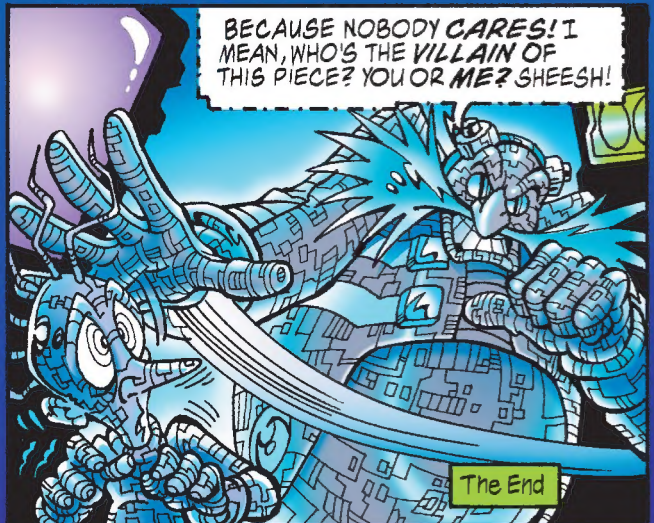
GET REAL NEPHEW...



THIS OPERATION'S ONLY BIG ENOUGH FOR ONE EGO, MINE.

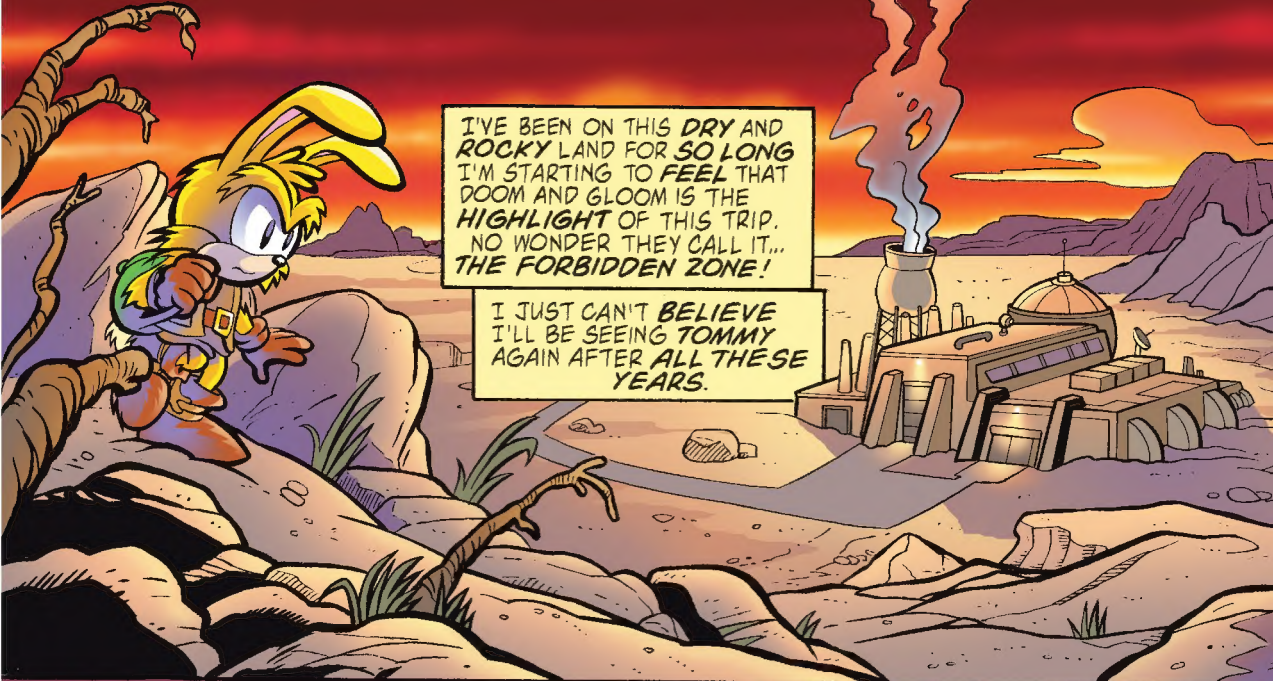


BUT WHY CAN'T I GET A COOL, NEW LOOK?



BECAUSE NOBODY CARES! I MEAN, WHO'S THE VILLAIN OF THIS PIECE? YOU OR ME? SHEESH!

The End

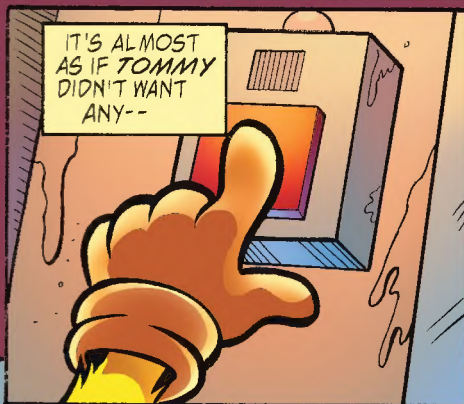


I'VE BEEN ON THIS DRY AND ROCKY LAND FOR SO LONG I'M STARTING TO FEEL THAT DOOM AND GLOOM IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS TRIP. NO WONDER THEY CALL IT... THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!

I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE I'LL BE SEEING TOMMY AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.



WELL, HERE I AM--FINALLY! FINDING THIS PLACE WAS LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.



IT'S ALMOST AS IF TOMMY DIDN'T WANT ANY--

--VISITORS?!
YIKES, IT'S--

THAT DIRTY
DAWG GUY

FLYING
FROG

SGT. SIMIAN

PREDATOR HAWK

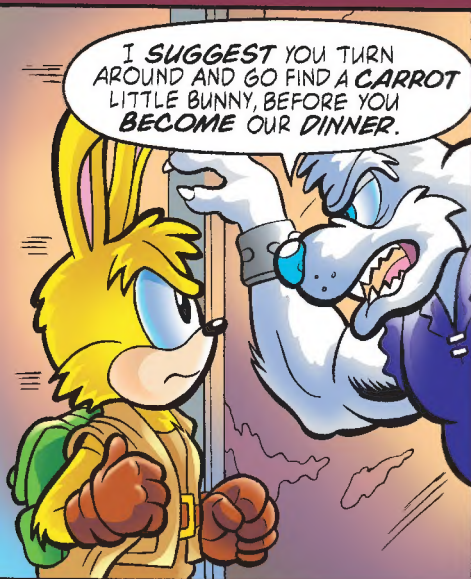
LIGHTNING
LYNX

...AND THAT
NO GOOD
DRAGO THE
WOLF.



THE TORTOISE AND THE HEDGEHOG

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I *SUGGEST* YOU TURN AROUND AND GO FIND A *CARROT* LITTLE BUNNY, BEFORE YOU *BECOME* OUR *DINNER*.



HEY DOC, RELAX. I WAS INVITED BY--



YOU DON'T *GET* THE *HINT*, DO YA? TOO *BAD* FOR YOU!



WAIT! DON'T HURT HIM!

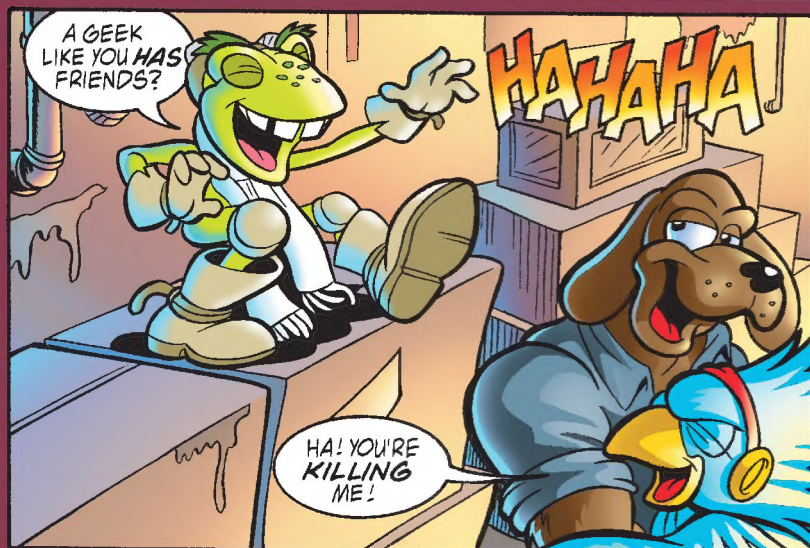
HUH?



IT'S MY FAULT HE'S HERE. UH, I'M THE ONE WHO, UM, INVITED HIM.

GOOD.

YOU SEE, HE'S MY FRIEND, AND--



A GEEK LIKE YOU HAS FRIENDS?

HAHAHA

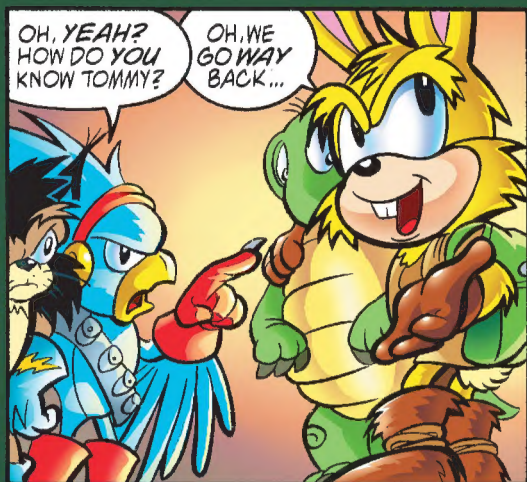
HA! YOU'RE KILLING ME!



YOU'RE MY FRIENDS, AREN'T YOU?

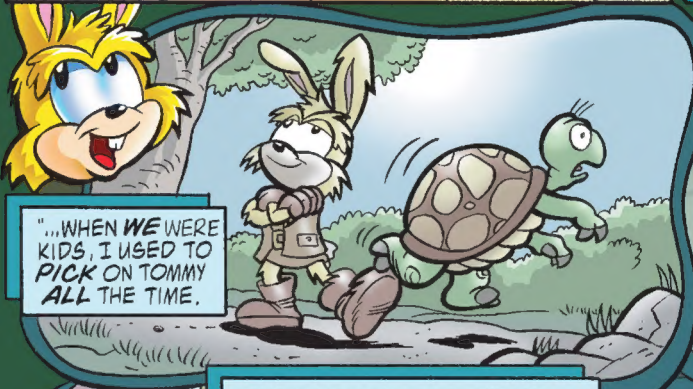


AND YOU SHOULD COUNT YOURSELVES LUCKY TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE TOMMY TURTLE.
I DO.



OH, YEAH? HOW DO YOU KNOW TOMMY?

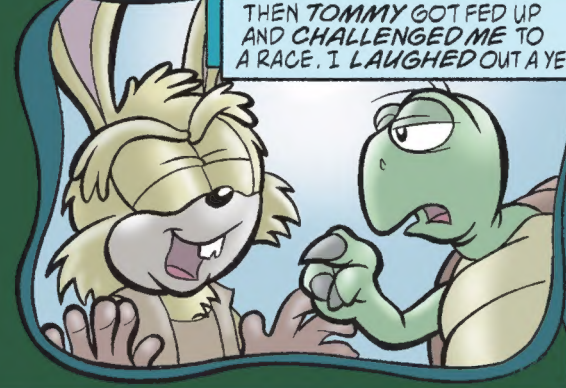
OH, WE GO WAY BACK...



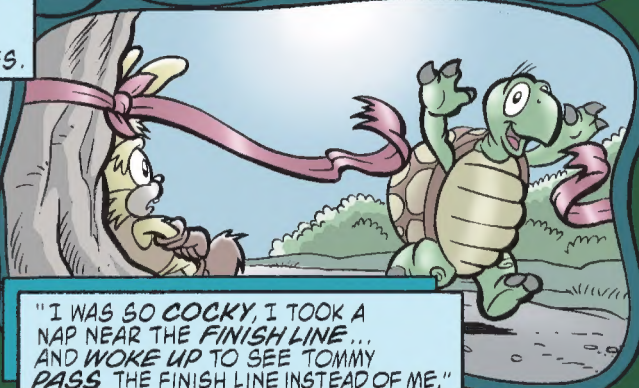
"...WHEN WE WERE KIDS, I USED TO PICK ON TOMMY ALL THE TIME.



"I WAS SO FAST AND TOMMY SO SLOW... I THOUGHT WE WERE NOTHING ALIKE.



THEN TOMMY GOT FED UP AND CHALLENGED ME TO A RACE. I LAUGHED OUT A YES.

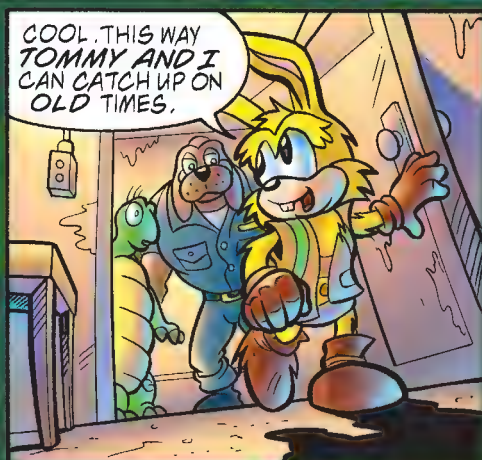


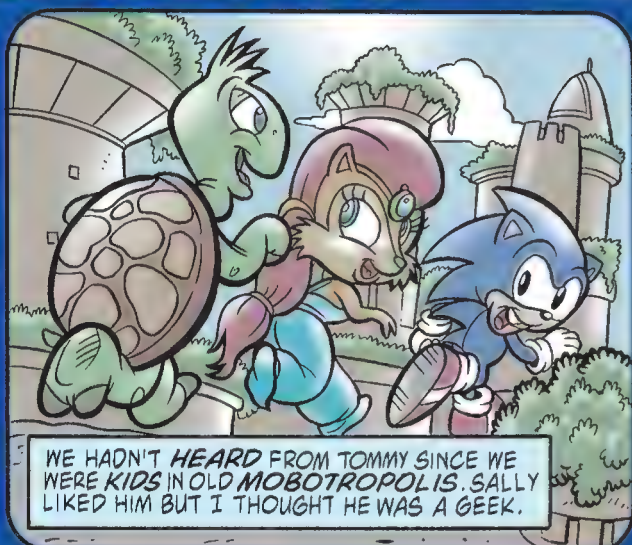
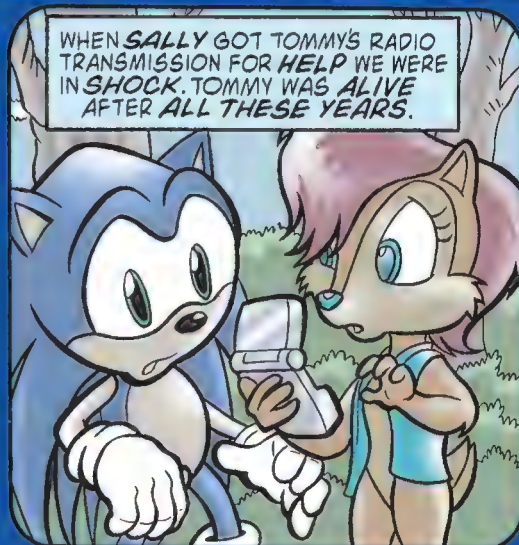
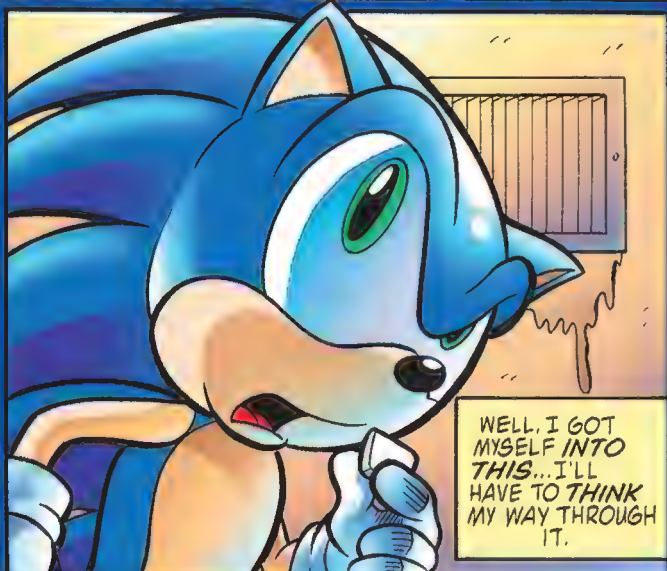
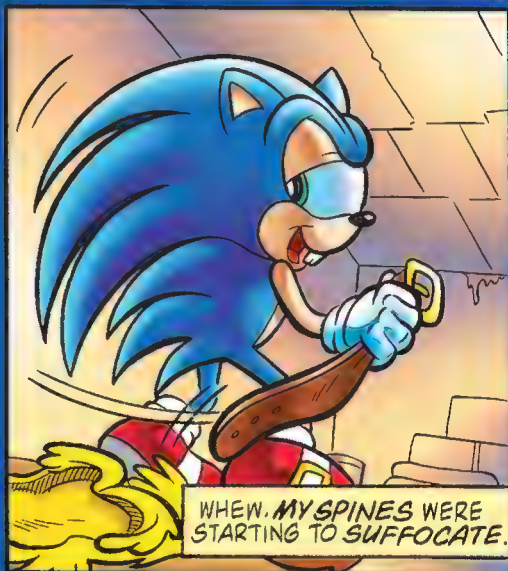
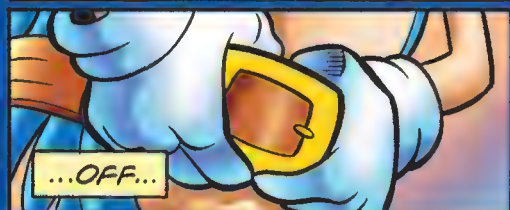
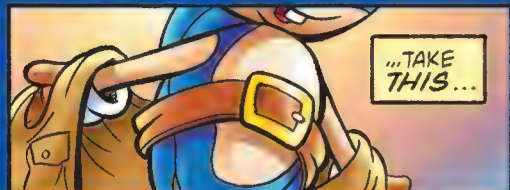
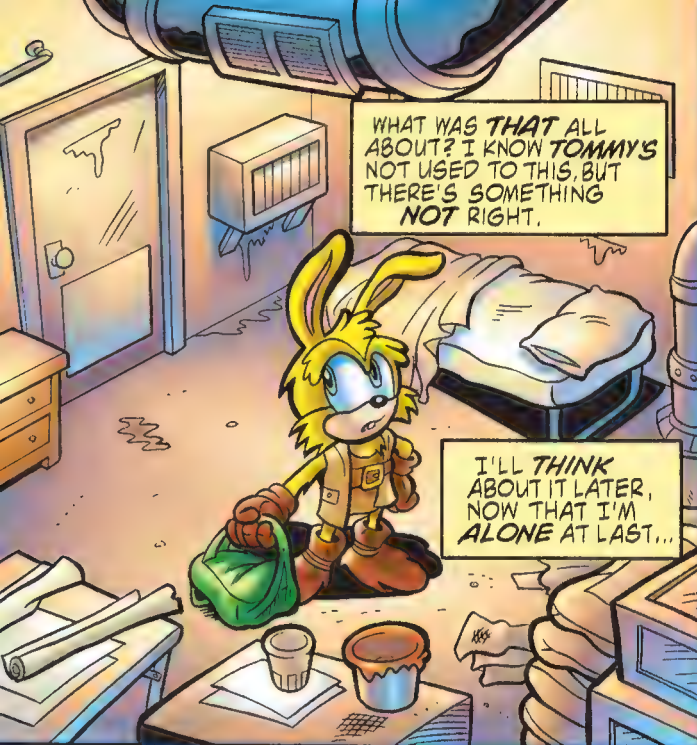
"I WAS SO COCKY, I TOOK A NAP NEAR THE FINISH LINE... AND WOKE UP TO SEE TOMMY PASS THE FINISH LINE INSTEAD OF ME."

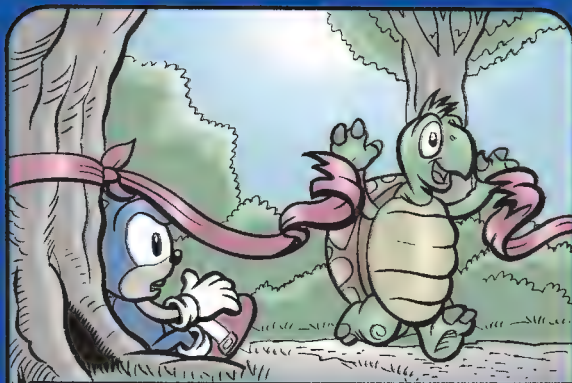


I RESPECTED HIM FOR NOT GIVING UP AND REALIZED... THAT STANDING UP FOR HIMSELF THAT WAY... THEN MAYBE WE WERE MORE ALIKE THAN I THOUGHT. WE BECAME GREAT FRIENDS EVER SINCE.

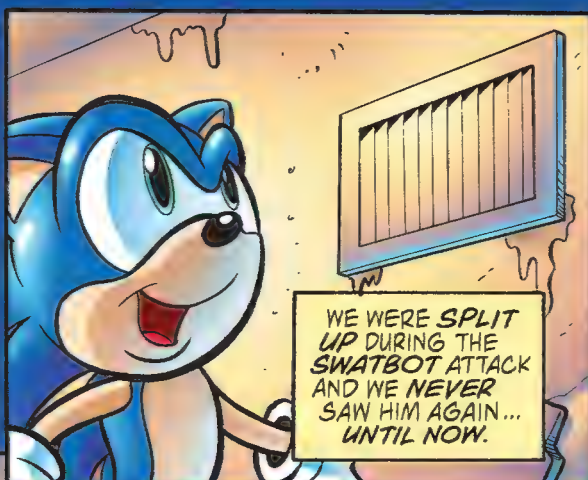
WE WERE?





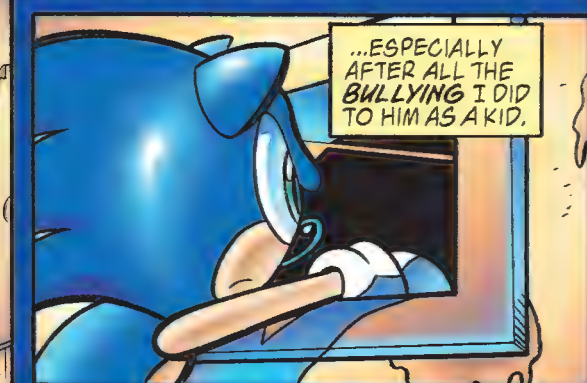


AFTER TOMMY *WON* THAT RACE, WE WOULD'VE BEEN GREAT FRIENDS BUT *ROBOTNIK* TOOK OVER THE CITY THE *VERY NEXT DAY*.

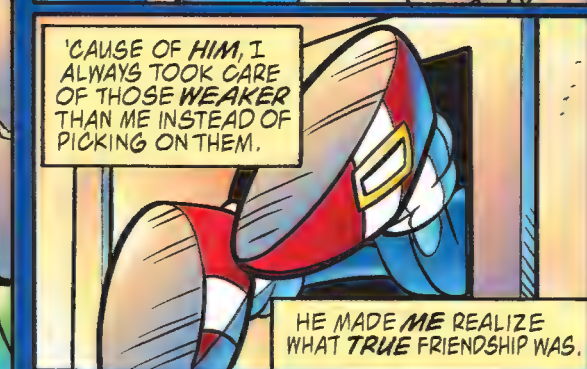


WE WERE *SPLIT UP* DURING THE *SWATBOT* ATTACK AND WE *NEVER* SAW HIM AGAIN... UNTIL NOW.

I KNOW I *SHOULD'VE* WAITED UNTIL SALLY GOT THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* TOGETHER BUT I COULDN'T WAIT.



...ESPECIALLY AFTER ALL THE *BULLYING* I DID TO HIM AS A KID.



'CAUSE OF HIM, I ALWAYS TOOK CARE OF THOSE *WEAKER* THAN ME INSTEAD OF PICKING ON THEM.

HE MADE *ME* REALIZE WHAT *TRUE* FRIENDSHIP WAS.



SPEAKING OF FRIENDS AM I GONNA HEAR IT FROM *SALLY* WHEN I GET BACK!



WAIT, I HEAR VOICES--



--I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

END OF CHAPTER 1

IT'S **ROBOTNIK** AND **SNIVELY** IN THE FLESH-- I MEAN-- IN THE **TECH**.

I GUESS THEY FOUND ANOTHER SET OF **BODIES** AFTER THE LAST SET WERE **DESTROYED**.^{*} GREAT, JUST WHEN YOU **FIGURE** THEY'RE GONE FOR GOOD, THERE THEY ARE AGAIN.

HUH? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUT I **FIGURE** WE MADE A DEAL ONCE WE CAN **DO IT** AGAIN.

DRAGO, HUH? AH, YES... HERE YOU ARE IN MY **DATA FILES**. AH, I SEE YOU STRUCK A **BARGAIN** WITH **ROBOTNIK** DURING **PROJECT END GAME**.^{**}

A DEAL FOR A FACTORY I USED TO OWN? THE **AUDACITY** OF SUCH A THING MAKES MY **CIRCUITS** **SIZZLE**.

^{*}In *Sonic* #110.

^{**}In the classic stories chronicled in *Sonic* #47-50.

SO, DO YOU WANT TO **HEAR OUR TERMS** OR NOT?

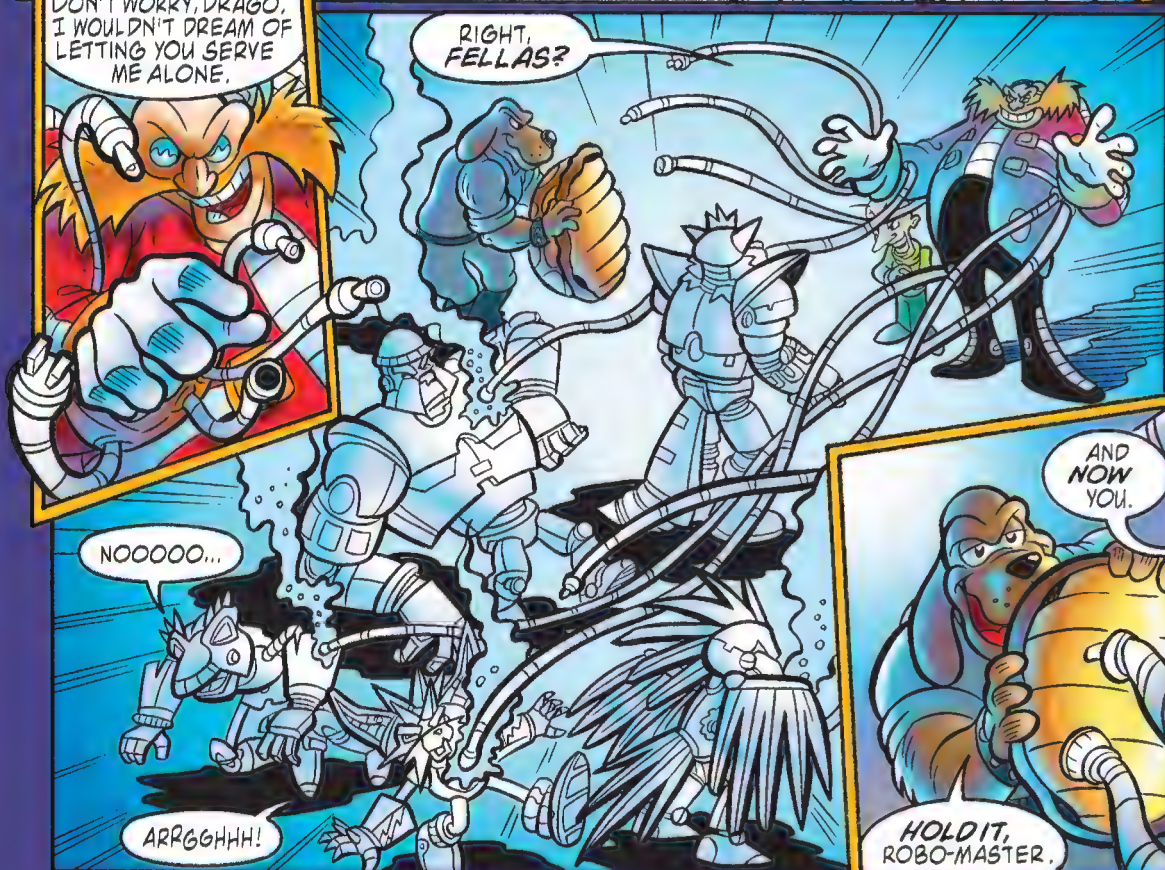
I DON'T **NEED** TO HEAR YOUR TERMS. I **ACCEPT**.

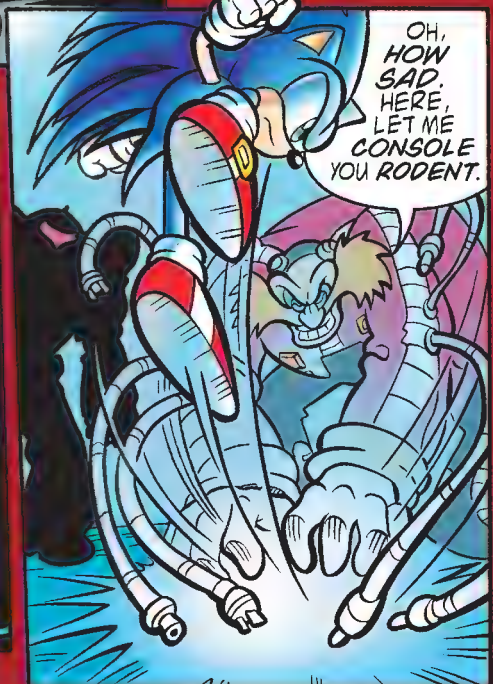
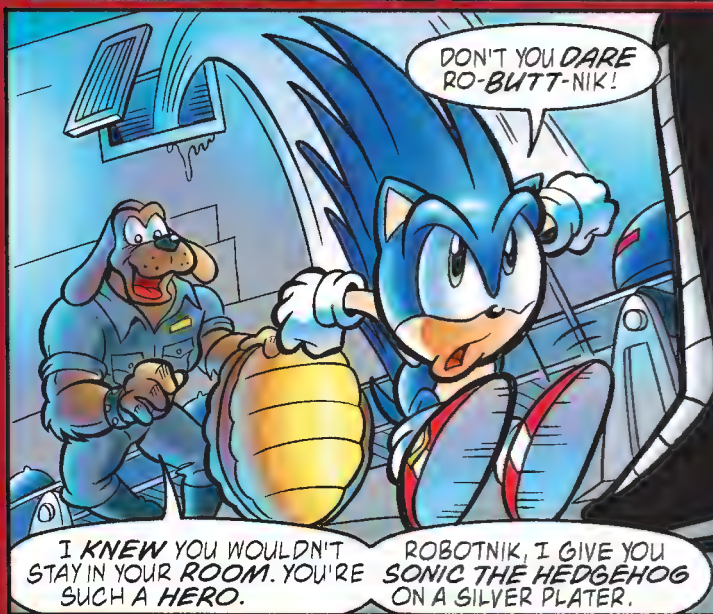
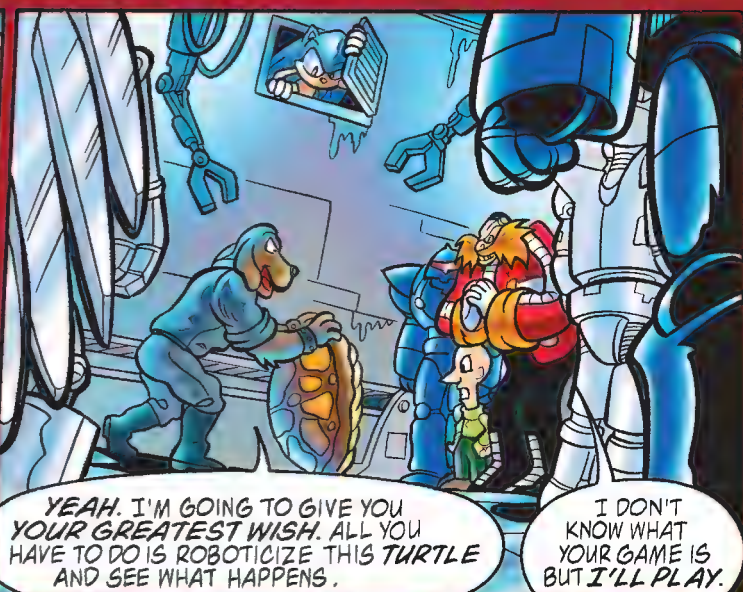
REALLY? JUST LIKE THAT?

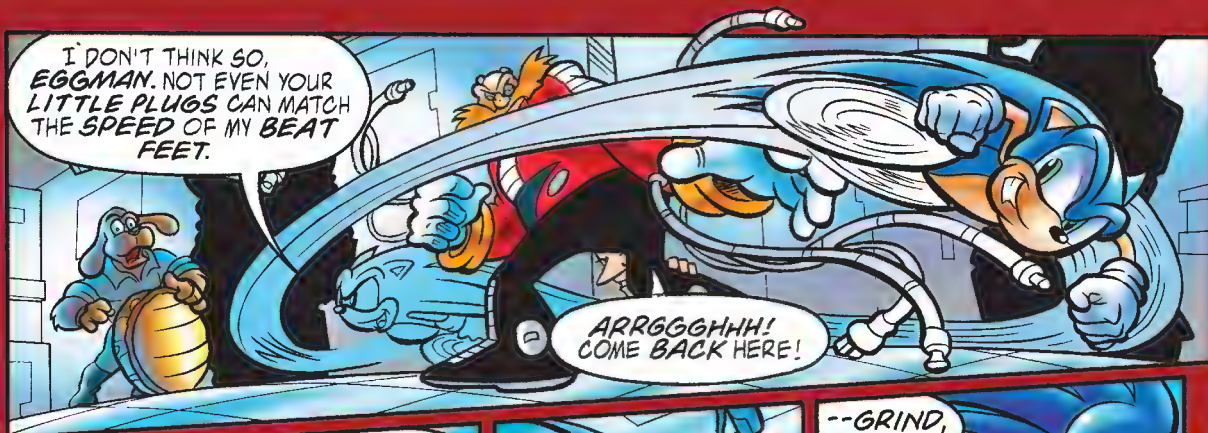
JUST LIKE THAT.

HEY, YOU'RE NOT SUCH A **BAD GUY** AFTER ALL.

THEN LET'S **SHAKE** TO CLOSE THE DEAL.







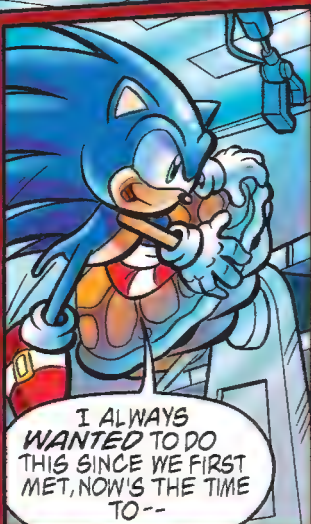
I DON'T THINK SO, **EGGMAN**. NOT EVEN YOUR **LITTLE PLUGS** CAN MATCH THE SPEED OF MY **BEAT FEET**.

ARRGGGHHH!
COME BACK HERE!



DON'T MIND IF I **BORROW** THIS? COOL, THANKS!

WHAT THE?

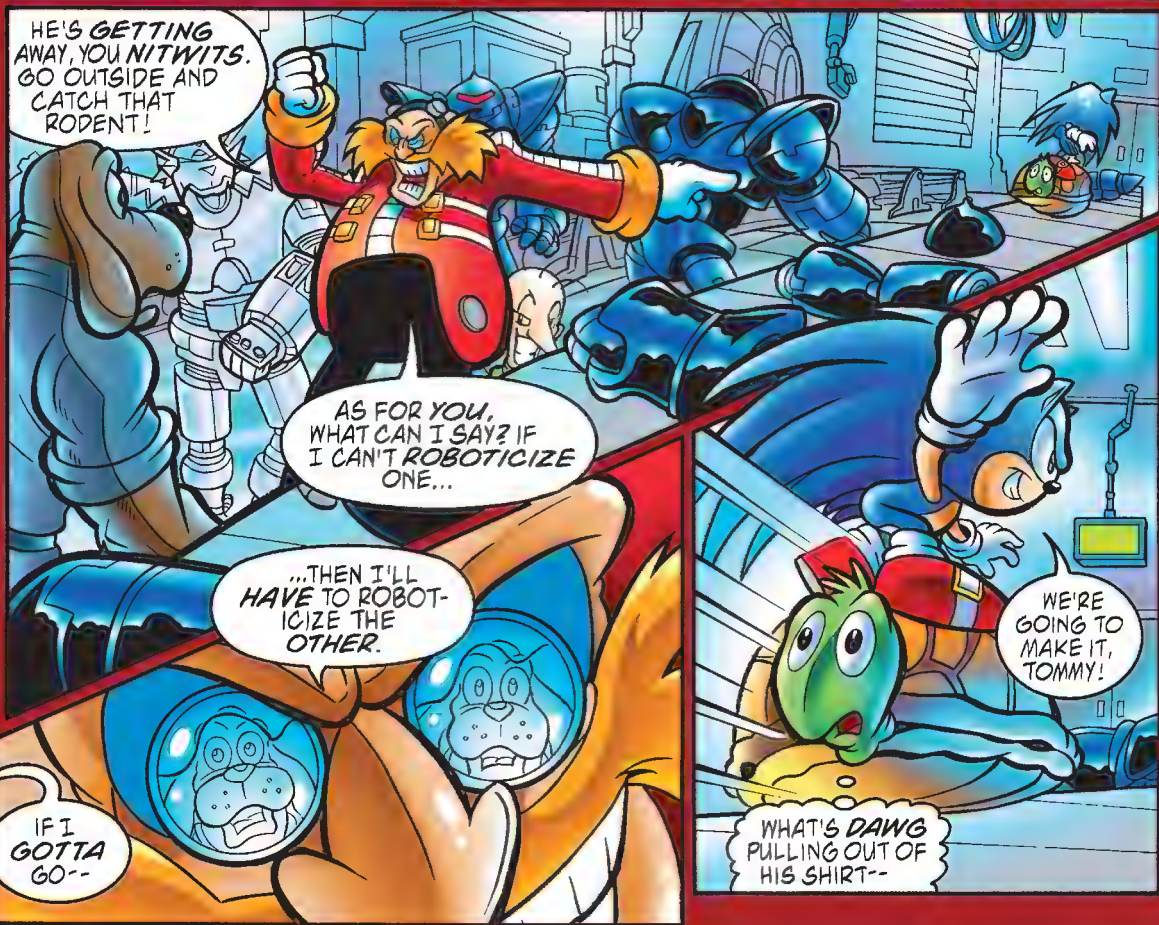


I ALWAYS **WANTED** TO DO THIS SINCE WE FIRST MET, NOW'S THE TIME TO--



--GRIND, BABY!

GO FOR IT, SONIC



HE'S **GETTING** AWAY, YOU **NITWITS**. GO OUTSIDE AND CATCH THAT **RODENT**!

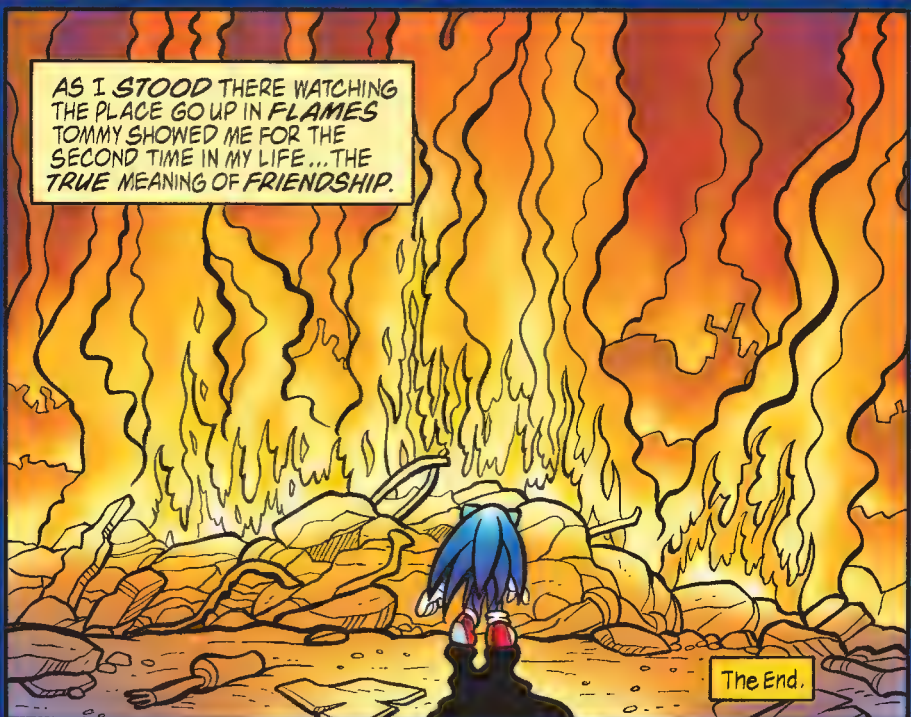
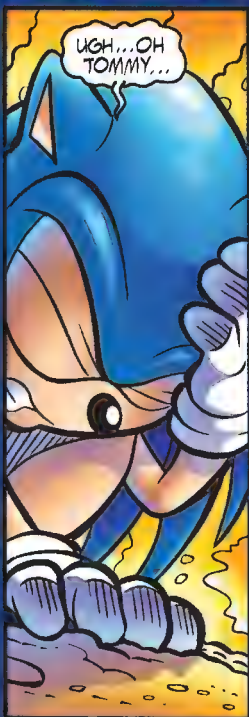
AS FOR YOU, WHAT CAN I SAY? IF I CAN'T **ROBOTICIZE** ONE...

...THEN I'LL HAVE TO **ROBOTICIZE** THE OTHER.

IF I GOTTA GO--

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT, TOMMY!

WHAT'S **DAWG** PULLING OUT OF HIS SHIRT--



MAMMOTH MOGUL HAS
KIDNAPPED DIMITRI AND
IS NOW USING HIM TO LURE

KNUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA
INTO A TRAP.

AT THIS POINT, OUR EMBATTLED
ECHIDNA REponds TO A CALL
FROM CONSTABLE REMINGTON,
WHOM HE FINDS AT
ECHIDNAOPOLIS GENERAL...

GUARDIAN!
YOU'RE JUST IN
TIME!

AND I SEE
YOU BROUGHT
THE CHAOTIX
IN TOW!

WHAT ARE
FRIENDS FOR,
Y'KNOW?

SO WHAT
GIVES? DOES
IT INVOLVE
DIMITRI?

ULTIMATE POWER PART THREE

IF YOU'RE A NEWCOMER WONDERING WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT --

KEN PENDERS
SCRIPT, LAYOUTS & INKS

DAWN BEST
PENCILS

VICKIE WILLIAMS
LETTERER

JENSEN
COLORIST

JUSTIN GABRIE
EDITOR

-- WILL SOON HAVE YOU UP TO SPEED ON EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ECHIDNA AND HIS FRIENDS!

MY PEOPLE
DISCOVERED A CAB
DRIVER LEFT VERY
SERIOUSLY
IMPAIRED NEAR
THE HOSPITAL!

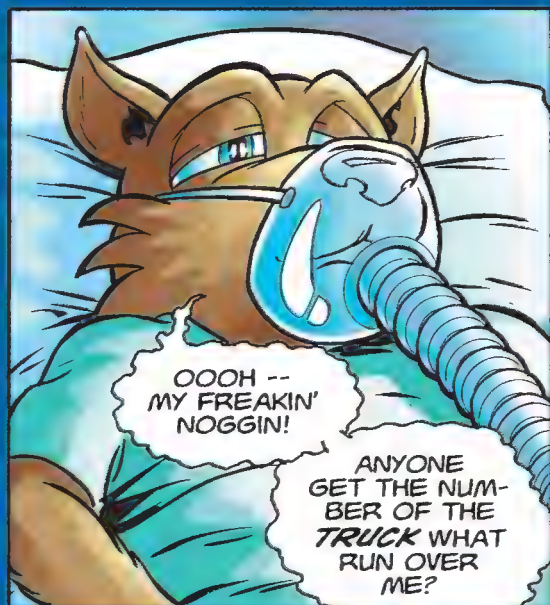
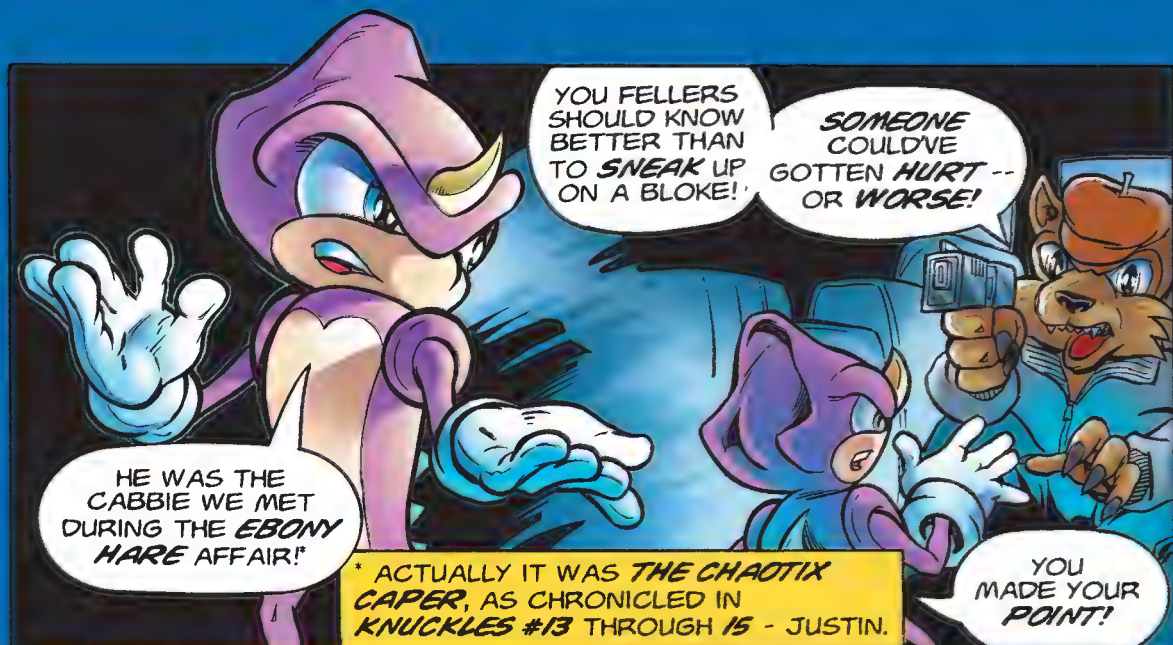
IT'S MORE
THAN LIKELY HE
KNOWS
SOMETHING!

HOW
SERIOUS
IS HE?

CRITICAL,
I'M AFRAID!

HARRY!

YOU GUYS
KNOW THIS
DINGO?



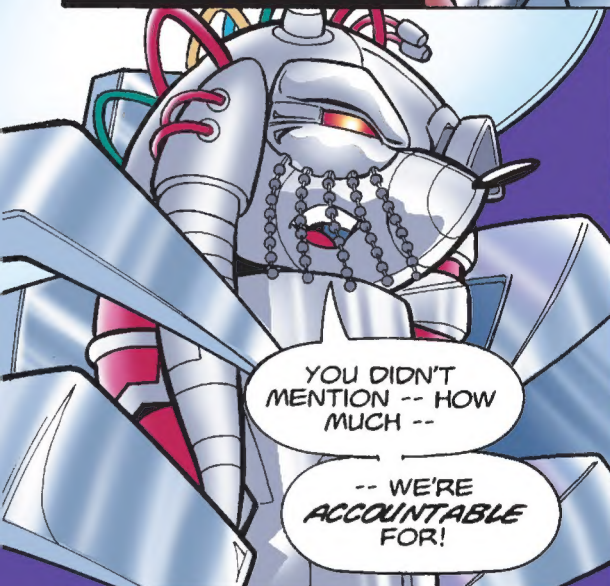
"WE WERE *HOPING* YOU
COULD TELL US *WHO*
DID THIS TO YOU..."

WE'RE TWO
OF A KIND --
YOU AND I!

BOTH CREATIONS FROM
OUR *EXPOSURE* TO THE
CHAOS EMERALD --

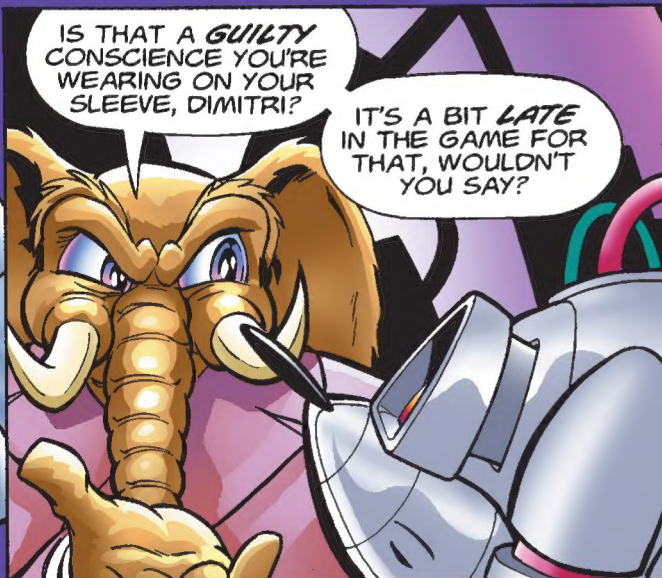


-- AND *BOTH*
STARING DEEP
INTO THE *DARK*
ABYSS!



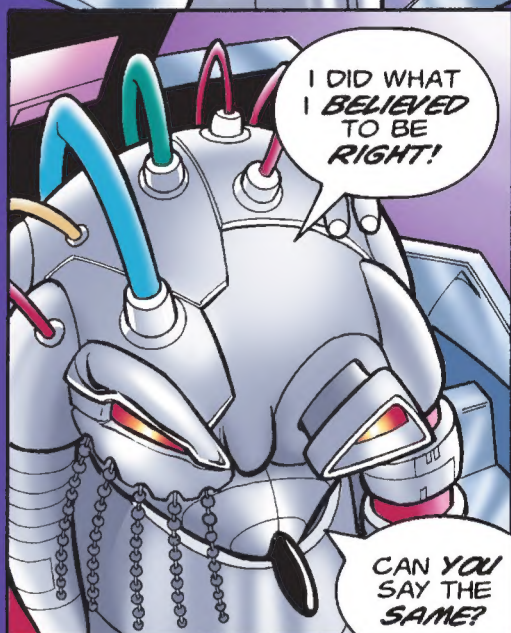
YOU DIDN'T
MENTION -- HOW
MUCH --

-- WE'RE
ACCOUNTABLE
FOR!



IS THAT A *GUILTY*
CONSCIENCE YOU'RE
WEARING ON YOUR
SLEEVE, DIMITRI?

IT'S A BIT *LATE*
IN THE GAME FOR
THAT, WOULDN'T
YOU SAY?



I DID WHAT
I *BELIEVED*
TO BE
RIGHT!

CAN YOU
SAY THE
SAME?



THE *ONLY*
THING THAT
MATTERS IN
LIFE IS
SURVIVAL!

ALL ELSE IS
SECONDARY!

MEANING?

"I HAVEN'T SURVIVED AS LONG AS I HAVE ONLY TO BE THWARTED BY AN ECHIDNA TEENAGER, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL HE MAY BE..."



-- AND THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YA, GUV'NOR!

YOU DID GOOD, HARRY!

NOW GET SOME REST!

WE NEEDED THE CABBIE TO TELL US **BIG TUSKS** IS SETTING A TRAP?!



THAT MUCH WAS OBVIOUS FROM THE GET-GO!

SINCE MAMMOTH MOGUL WANTS THE GUARDIAN, PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BETTER IF MY FORCE LED THE COUNTERATTACK!



NOTHING DOING, CONSTABLE!

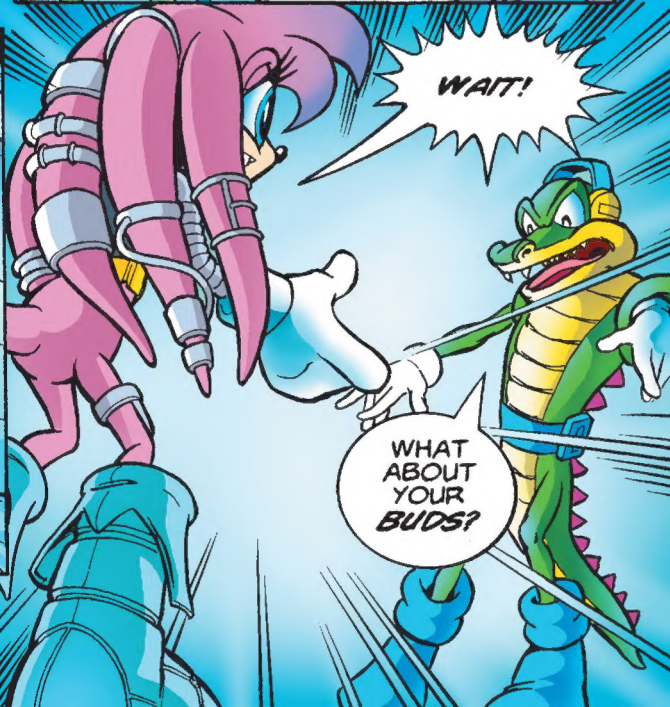
ME TOO, SPORT!

HE OWES ME BIG TIME!

LONGSNOUT SURE STIFFED ME A PIECE OF CHANGE!



YEAH, WELL, HE'S ABOUT TO LEARN IT'S PAYBACK TIME!



WAIT!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR BUDS?



KOMMISSAR!

KNUCKLES HAS
VANISHED!



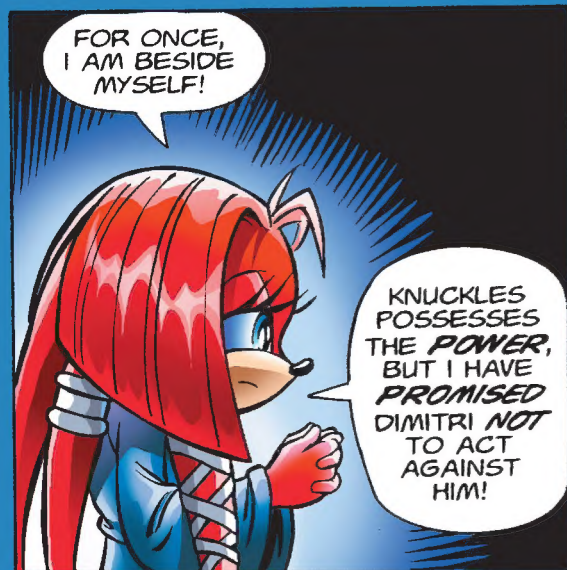
APPARENTLY,
MY **GREAT-
GRANDFATHER**
KNEW WHEREOF
HE SPOKE!

AS HE PREDICTED,
THE **GUARDIAN** IS
CHARGING TO THE
RESCUE!



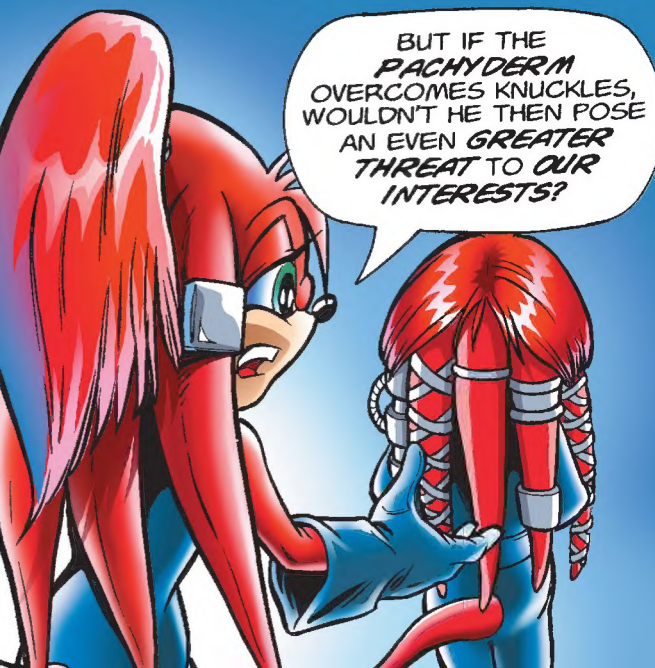
AND IN SAVING
GREAT DIMITRI, THE
LEGION WOULD BE
INDEBTED TO
KNUCKLES,
MISTRESS!

KRAGOK
WOULD **NEVER**
FORGIVE ME
WERE I TO
ALLOW THAT!



FOR ONCE,
I AM BESIDE
MYSELF!

KNUCKLES
POSSESSES
THE **POWER**,
BUT I HAVE
PROMISED
DIMITRI **NOT**
TO ACT
AGAINST
HIM!



BUT IF THE
PACHYDERM
OVERCOMES KNUCKLES,
WOULDN'T HE THEN POSE
AN EVEN **GREATER**
THREAT TO OUR
INTERESTS?



INDEED!

WE WOULD
HAVE TO TAKE
ANY AND **ALL**
NECESSARY
ACTION AT THAT
POINT!

FOR THE
MOMENT --

" -- EVERYTHING HINGES ON WHAT KNUCKLES DOES *NEXT*..."



GIVE IT UP, MOGUL!

TIME TO TAKE
YOUR ACT
ELSEWHERE!



THINK YOUR CHEAP
PARLOR TRICKS
IMPRESS ME?

HARDLY!



I HAVEN'T
SHOWN MY
BEST STUFF
YET!

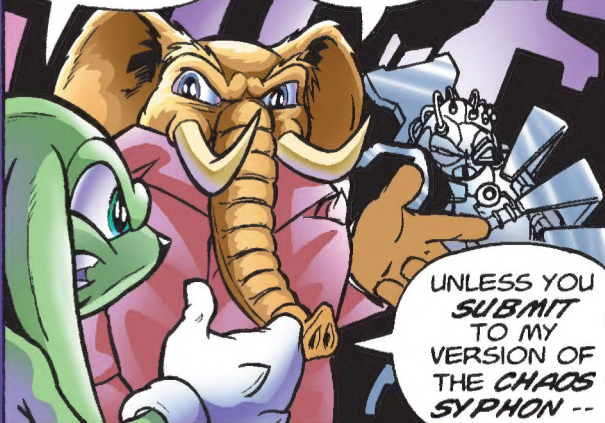
HAVEN'T YOU
HEARD?



AGE AND
TREACHERY WILL
ALWAYS
OVERCOME YOUTH
AND STRENGTH!

IN YOUR
DREAMS, BIG
STUFF!

THINK
AGAIN,
ECHIDNA!



UNLESS YOU
SUBMIT
TO MY
VERSION OF
THE *CHAOS*
SYPHON --



-- ALL I HAVE
TO DO IS
PRESS THIS
BUTTON --

-- AND DIMITRI IS
DISCONNECTED
FROM LIFE
SUPPORT --

-- *PERMANENTLY!*

NEXT: PERHAPS THE MOST STUNNING
CONCLUSION TO A KNUCKLES
ADVENTURE YET! *DON'T MISS IT!*